

## +Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 3 November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Here are the latest school messages and updates for your information.

MESSAGES		
School	Whole School	Please find <a href="#">letter</a> from Mr Humphreys with regards to SKYFund. Thank you to those who have made contributions, this is gratefully received. We have been able to set up this on ParentPay if you would like to also donate that way.
School	Whole School	<b>Friday 10 November</b> Whole School Act of Remembrance The whole school community will gather together on Friday morning in the culmination of our week of learning about remembrance. All staff and students will gather together to listen to a reading and hear the last post before observing a 2 minute silence.
School	Whole School	<b>Pill Food Hub - Harvest Collection</b> Thank you to everyone who was able to support our collection for the Pill Food Hub at the end of last term. Students visited the Food hub and were able to see first hand the organisation and ask questions of the volunteers that give their time to help others. The students found it saddening and humbling to hear how the work of the food bank has increased in recent weeks and months are returned to school determined to make our efforts to support their important work bigger and better this Christmas.
Sirona	Whole school	This autumn all children from Y7 to Y11 are being offered a flu vaccine as part of the School Vaccination Programme. The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray. <b>Sirona Immunisation team will be on site on the 5 December to administer this vaccine.</b> Please complete the <a href="#">consent form</a> , indicating whether you wish your child to have the vaccine, ensure you complete the consent form even if you do not want your child to receive the vaccination. If your child is not able to attend school on the day of the Immunisation session they can attend a catch-up clinic at a later date.
School	Whole school	<b>Free School Meals</b> If you think you are entitled to claim a free school meal benefit because of your income or circumstances it's essential you apply. For each eligible child, the school receives funding for the next six years, even if their parents go back to full-time paid work. You can apply to North Somerset <a href="#">here</a> . If you have any queries or would like the school to support you with your application please contact reception.
School	Whole school	<b>Free School Meals</b> If your child is entitled to a free school meal they can receive breakfast in the canteen before 8.30. They will be able to choose from the following; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 pieces of toast with jam</li> <li>• fresh fruit with a juice drink</li> <li>• porridge with honey/syrup with a juice drink</li> <li>• cereal with milk</li> <li>• 1 crumpet with jam.</li> </ul>
Finance	FSM Families	<b>Free School Meal Vouchers</b>

		We have been notified by North Somerset Council that £60 of DWP Household Support Fund vouchers are to be issued via Wonde to all fsm students on the Council's list as at 7th November.
School	Whole school	<p><b>PG Workshop (online)</b></p> <p>As a parent or caregiver, you may be aware of the new challenges and changes the internet presents, but feel uncertain about how to help your young people navigate it safely. The Naked Truth Project, a group that supports the school by providing workshops to students in key stages 4 and 5 about problematic porn use, are running a free online informative workshop with Q &amp; A aimed at parents, guardians and carers of children aged 11-18. It is on Nov 14th 7.30-9.00pm and you can register to join it <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
Ms Maurier	Year 7-9	<p>Just a reminder that this is for next week and all recipes are on Classcharts as homework 7 days in advance of the lesson.</p> <p>Year 7 Students' own bread - 7L: 06/11 and 7R: 07/11  Year 8 Cheese and onion pasties - 8L 10/11 and 8R : 07/11  Year 9 Thai green curry - 9L: 10/11 and 9R : 09/11</p> <p>The following week will be:  Year 7 Crumble - 7L: 16/11 and 7R: 17/11  Year 8 Students' own Tea party recipe - 8L 14/11 and 8R : 14/11  Year 9 Students' own Street food recipe- 9L: 16/11 and 9R : 17/11</p>
School	Whole school	Please be aware that during mock exams, pupils with SEND may not receive all of their usual planned support in lessons and / or interventions because the SEND team will have responsibilities supporting with <b>exam access arrangements for the exams</b> . Thank you for your understanding.
School	Whole school	<b>Babs</b> is back! Our furry friend returns to school this term to work with some of our vulnerable pupils. Consent will be gathered in advance of interventions. Here is our <a href="#">Dog Policy</a> and <a href="#">letter</a> for your information.
Ms Wild	Year 7 and 8	All students should have quizzed at least one book by now on Accelerated Reader. Ask your child about their quizzing, and for more information about the Accelerated Reader scheme, please email <a href="mailto:wildi@skdrive.org">wildi@skdrive.org</a>
Ms Wild	Year 9	All students should have finished reading at least one book by now, and posted a review on the Bucket List Google classroom. Ask your child about their review(s). If your child is finding the Bucket List titles daunting, we recommend short stories, and have a selection in the library. Please email <a href="mailto:wildi@skdrive.org">wildi@skdrive.org</a> for personalised support for your child.
Ms Tallis	Year 10 Art GCSE	<p>Reminder that there are GCSE Art catch up sessions every week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tuesday after school - Rm 12</li> <li>● Thursday after school - Rm 10</li> <li>● Mon late lunch - Rm 10 (bring your lunch with you)</li> </ul>

Mrs Duncan	Year 10 Work Experience	<p>WEX takes place on <b>1st - 5th July</b>. Deadline to find a placement is <b>19th February</b>. <b>Many places, especially within popular areas such as sport, education, engineering and law, fill their allocation by December.</b></p> <p><b>Please encourage your child to start the search early.</b></p> <p>For more information, please read through <a href="#">this letter</a> sent home a few weeks ago. Please note that we are now using a new platform called Unifrog to log Placements. For more information, please head to the <a href="#">school website</a>.</p> <p>Please have a look at this week's <a href="#">WOW!</a> (WEX Opportunity of the Week).</p> <p>If you have any questions regarding work experience, please contact me on <a href="mailto:skworkexperience@skdrive.org">skworkexperience@skdrive.org</a></p>
Miss Venn	Year 10 Textiles	<p>Reminder that there are GCSE Textiles catch up sessions every week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday after school - Rm 13</li> <li>Wednesday late lunch - Rm 13 (bring your lunch with you)</li> </ul>
Miss Venn	Year 10 Food & Nutrition	<p>A reminder that F&amp;N students are making a Vegetable Curry on <b>Monday 06/11</b>. All ingredients are on ClassCharts and on Google classroom. Please ensure all students are bringing a container.</p>
School	Year 11	<p>Next week the science faculty will offer chemistry revision for year 11. The revision session will take place in lab 2 from 3-4pm with Mr Sugden and Mr Hake.</p>
School	Year 11	<p>This week we have spoken to students about the benefits of taking science A-levels. You can see the information shared with students <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
School	Year 11	<p><b>GCSE music ensemble performance exams take place on Friday 10th November.</b> Timetable has been shared with students. This exam is worth 15% of the final GCSE grade. Please remind students that they should be practising regularly in preparation for this. On the day they <b>MUST</b> have their instrument, music and any other equipment needed.</p>
Mrs Duncan	Year 12 Work Experience	<p>WEX takes place on <b>17th - 21st June</b> Deadline to find a placement is <b>19th February 2024</b>.</p> <p><b>Many places, especially within popular areas such as sport, education, engineering and law, fill their allocated slots by December/January.</b></p> <p>Please encourage your child to start the search early.</p> <p>For more WEX information, please read through <a href="#">this letter</a> sent home a few weeks ago.</p> <p>Please note that we are now using a new platform called Unifrog to log Placements. For more information, please head to the <a href="#">school website</a>.</p> <p>Please have a look at this week's <a href="#">WOW!</a> (WEX Opportunity of the Week)</p>

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**UPCOMING EVENTS** - click [here](#) to see all upcoming events

8 Nov	All day Y8 Future Brunels
8 Nov	1645-1745 Pill Rainbows
10 Nov	1040-1100 Remembrance
13 Nov	1600-1900 Careers Fair, Trinity Academy
15 Nov	1600-1900 Y9 progress evening
23 Nov	1500-1630 Coffee with the Headteacher
29 Nov	1600-1900 Virtual Y8 progress evening
30 Nov	0830-1500 GCSE and A level Art & Textiles trip, Bristol
1 Dec	Festive Market, further details to follow
5 Dec	All day Whole school flu vaccinations
6 Dec	1730-1830 Ski Trip - Talk to parents/carers, LT
7 Dec	0715-2200 Y12, Y13 London galleries (Tate Modern, National Gallery)
12 Dec	0900-2000 Y10, Y11, Y12, Y13 WB Studio Tour visit, London
15 Dec	END OF TERM at 1230